

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTIES OF ARANSAS §
SAN PATRICIO AND NUECES §
CITY OF ARANSAS PASS §

On this the 13th day of June, 2011 the Aransas Pass Municipal Development District convened in a Special Joint Meeting with the City of Aransas Pass City Council being open to the Public at the regular meeting place thereof in the City Hall and notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject hereof having been posted and prescribed by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code with the following attendance to wit constituting a quorum.

COUNCIL PRESENT:	Tommy Knight	Mayor
	Phillip Hyatt	Mayor Pro Tempore
	James A. Mills	Council Member
	Ross McElwee	Council Member
	Vickie Abrego	Council Member

ABSENT:

APMDD PRESENT	Hope Comingore	President
	Karen Gayle	Vice-President
	Vickie Abrego	Secretary
	James Covington	Director
	Randall Freeze	Director
	Nancy Davis	Director
	Mary Ann Heimann	Director
	Stephen Walls	Director

ABSENT: Terry Stansberry Treasurer

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT:	Allen Lawrence	City Attorney
	Reggie Winters	City Manager
	Yvonne Stonebraker	City Secretary
	Dawn Alvarado	Administrative Assistant
	Sandy Roddel	Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE
PERSONNEL ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Rickie Kilgore, Fire Chief

OTHERS PRESENT:

There may have been others present who did not sign in.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Stated that the MDD Board had a quorum present.

2. **CONSIDER AND ACT ON TERMINATING THE CIVIC CENTER MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ARANSAS PASS AND VENUWORKS.**

Judy Ruhmann member of the Woman’s Club read a letter that she had written to the City Council regarding how pleased the Woman’s Club was with VenuWorks, Their Staff and the Civic Center.

Pat Martinez member of the SPCA of San Patricio County spoke to the City Council about how pleased she was with the Way VenuWorks and Annette handled her events and what they offer.

Bill St. Clair Aransas Pass Mayor in 1993 stated that when he was mayor he made three promises 1 was to rebuild Aransas Pass, 2 was to build a swimming pool and three was to build a civic center. He also stated that the City needs to look at all options before letting VenuWorks go and how they handle the situation.

Annette Schonhoeft Aransas Pass Civic Center Director presented to the City Council her concerns about what would happen if the City let VenuWorks go.

Larry Guransky regional Manager for VenuWorks spoke to the City Council regarding what they could do and how they could help come up with a solution to the problem.

Karen Gayle Vice President of the MDD Board stated that if the city decided to let VenuWorks go that it would end up costing the City more money in the long run.

Hope Comingore President of the MDD Board stated that the MDD Board would not run out of money till January 2013 and that the City would have 6 months of hard work to do and have a plan in place for when they decide to let VenuWorks go. She also stated to the City Council that in three weeks they would have to present a budget and ask the Council to give more time in making the decision to let VenuWorks go.

Collette Walls resident of Aransas Pass stated that the Management Company is what the City needs to look at and that the City has people that would be able to run the Civic Center without all the fees of a marketing company.

Tommy Knight Mayor of Aransas Pass stated the he has no problem with VenuWorks or Annette but has a problem with the MDD Board running out of money and can't afford the Civic Center. He then stated that he would like to take time and let the Council talk about their take on the situation.

Vickie Abrego City of Aransas Pass Council Member asked the Council Members if they had a plan in place if they let VenuWorks go and stated that the City needed to give more time and make a plan of action before a decision.

Ross McElwee Aransas Pass Council Member started off by thanking Judy Ruhmann and Pat Martinez and said that this was not about VenuWorks and how they do their job but about their not being enough money to support the Civic Center staying open. Stated that if the City decided to keep VenuWorks that the Council would have to raise City Taxes to about 20%. Also stated the MDD Board had lack of communication with the City Council.

Phillip Hyatt Mayor Pro Temp of the Aransas Pass City Council had questions for Annette Director of the Civic Center about why people were going to Victoria's Center and not ours.

Mayor Tommy Knight stated to table item 2 for the City Manager , Finance Director, the MDD Board , Annette and VenuWorks get together to find a solution to the problem.

Council Member Ross McElwee stated they could give 60 days to find a solution.

Council Member Vickie Abrego made a motion to set up several workshops in six months to come up with a solution to solving the problem. Council member Phillip Hyatt seconded the motion with Council Member Ross McElwee and Council Member James Mills voting no and the motion passed with Mayor Tommy Knight breaking the tie with voting yes.

3. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.**

Council Member Mills made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Abrego seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knight adjourned the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

Tommy Knight, Mayor

ATTEST:

Yvonne Stonebraker, City Secretary